indirect operations, etc. The airlines adjust their fares to meet such dynamic market requirements. Further, in order to maintain normal schedule during lean season, fares are revised during high season in order to sustain the operations through out the year.

Air India has also launched its Low Cost Carrier Air India Express in April, 2005 with a view to provide economic and safe travel to people who are employed in the Gulf with modest salaries.

Eco-Tourism Circuit

†1485. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV- Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have grants approval to eco-tourism circuit (Amarkantak-Achanakmar, Ratanpur, Kendai, Ramgarh, Maheshpur, Ambikapur, Manpat, Kailashgufa, Bagluha, Pandarapath, Sanna, Jashpurnagar) in Chhattisgarh;

(b) If so, the date since when the proposal has been approved alongwith the funds sanctioned therefor;

(c) the amount released by Government for this purpose during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07; and

(d) the details of the progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the Eco-tourism circuit in Chattisgarh with central financial assistance of Rs. 648.35 lakhs on 16.12.2004. The first instalment of Rs. 518.68 lakh, being 80% of the sanctioned CFA has been released. As per guidelines, the balance amount is released to the State Governments\UT Administrations only after submission of utilization certificate, completion/commissioning certificate, management agreement and undertaking by them.

(d) Execution, implementation and maintenance/management of the project proposals sanctioned under various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the progress of projects sanctioned under Central Financial Assistance.

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